GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2668
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FIRING ON INDIAN FISHERMEN BY THAILAND FISHING TRAWLERS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some Thailand Fishing trawlers fired indiscriminately on Indian Fishermen in the North Pragana District of West Bengal in the second week of November, 2002;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the loss of life and property suffered as a result thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government so far in this regard and also to stop such activities in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (c): The incident of alleged firing by Thai Trawlers at Indian fishermen in the Bay of Bengal was not confirmed after an interaction with the local fishermen by the Coast Guard units deployed in the area.

However, continued presence of Coast Guard units is being maintained in the area to prevent intrusion by foreign fishing vessels into Indian waters.